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THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN USED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN
ANSWER TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO TODAY'S
NOON BRIEFING. (TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON CYPRUS
AT NOON BRIEFING SENT SEPTEL.)

Q: DO YOU CONFIRM OR DENY THE REUTER REPORT FROM NICOSIA
THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS THREATENED TO WITHDRAW HIS
COUNTRY FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS
IF VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICAN PROPERTY CONTINUES IN
NICOSIA?

A: THE REUTER REPORT IS NOT TOTALLY ACCURATE, BUT I
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CAN GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING FACTS: IN THE WAKE OF THE

ATTACK BY DEMONSTRATORS ON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NICOSIA ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, WHICH CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE, THE SECRETARY INSTRUCTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS BE INFORMED ORALLY THAT IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF SHOULD SUFFER INJURY AS A RESULT OF MOB ACTION, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM NICOSIA AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER PART IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION, THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT GAVE ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD TAKE ALL MEASURES TO PROTECT AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

Q: WHY SHOULD THE UNITED STATES TAKE THE EXTREME STEP OF WITHDRAWING FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE EVENT OF INJURY TO U.S. PERSONNEL?

A: IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL FROM CYPRUS WOULD HAVE MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO PLAY ANY USEFUL ROLE IN FACILITATING THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN NICOSIA BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH. KISSINGER

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